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### EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY RECORD

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Mr Robert Epstein (3) Mr. Daniel P Stodola (PTO)  
(2) Ms. Martha Mckenzie (4) Mr. Khoa Tran (PTO)

Date of Interview January 12, 1999

Type: ☐ Telephonic ☒ Personal (copy is given to ☐ applicant ☒ applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☒ Yes, ☐ No. If yes, brief description: showed invention device and a device representing ~~Epstein~~ Higby, Sr. to demonstrate differences therebetween.

Agreement ☒ was reached with respect to some or all of the claims in question. ☐ was not reached.

Claims discussed: claims 16 and 22

Identification of prior art discussed: ~~Epstein~~ Higby, Sr. (to be made of record in next Office communication), Shafto and Zizinia

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Argued the distinctions between the invention & references. Specifically, Shafto is intended to be portable and sits on a horizontal surface, therefore there is no reason to modify to have an inclined portion per Zizinia. Also, took issue with characterization of Shafto having an "arcuate section". Appl. to define the mounting means as for a vertical surface to define over shafts and add weight to applicant's arguments.  
(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph below has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW (e.g., items 1-7 on the reverse side of this form). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, then applicant is given one month from this interview date to provide a statement of the substance of the interview.

- ☐ 2. Since the examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the substance of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.

Daniel P Stodola  
Examiner's Signature